

PROVERBS



Proverbs 31:28

Her children stand and bless her

- speak well of her
- respect and bless her
- stand and praise her

Proverbs 31:10-31

10 Who can find a virtuous and capable wife?
She is more precious than rubies. Her
husband can trust her, and she will greatly
enrich his life. She brings him good, not
harm, all the days of her life. She finds wool
and flax and busily spins it.

Proverbs 31:10-31

14 She is like a merchant's ship, bringing food from afar. She gets up early to prepare breakfast for her household, planning the day's work for her servant girls. She goes to inspect a field and buys it; with her earnings she plants a vineyard. She is energetic and strong, a hard worker.

Proverbs 31:10-31

¹⁸ She makes sure her dealings are profitable,
and her lamp burns late into the night. Her
hands are busy spinning thread, her fingers
twisting fiber. She extends a helping hand to
the poor and opens her arms to the needy.

Proverbs 31:10-31

21 She has no fear of winter for her household,
for everyone has warm clothes. She makes
her own bedspreads. She dresses in fine linen
and purple gowns.

Proverbs 31:10-31

²³ Her husband is well known at the city gates,
where he takes his seat with the other civic
leaders.

Proverbs 31:10-31

²⁴ She makes linen garments and sells them,
and supplies the merchants with sashes. She is
clothed with strength and dignity; she laughs
without fear of the future. When she speaks,
her words are wise, and she gives instructions
with kindness.

Proverbs 31:10-31

27 She carefully watches over everything in her household and is not lazy. Her children stand and bless her. Her husband praises her: “There are many virtuous and capable women in the world, but you surpass them all!”

Proverbs 31:10-31

3^o Charm is deceptive, and beauty does not last; but a woman who fears the LORD will be greatly praised. Reward her for all that she has done. Let her deeds publically declare her praise.

Homework

1. Wisdom is personified in Proverbs. Read through the book and identify character traits, values, accomplishments, habits, etc., of Wisdom.

Now compare your list to Proverbs 31. Similar? Different? What do you learn about a life of wisdom? Compare Proverbs 1:7 and Proverbs 31:10

Homework

2. Biblehub.com

Do word studies

on *eshet* and *chayil*.

How are these words
used elsewhere?

Take-aways?

◀ Proverbs 31:10 ▶

NASB Lexicon

NASB ©	Hebrew	Transliteration	Strong's	Definition	Origin
An excellent	חַיִל	cha·yil	2428	strength, efficiency, wealth, army	from chul
wife,	אֲשֶׁת-	e·shet-	802	woman, wife, female	from an unused word
who	מי	mi	4310	who?	a prim. pronoun
can find?	יָמַצָּא	yim·tza;	4672	to attain to, find	a prim. root
For her worth	מְכֹרֶה:	mich·rah.	4377	merchandise, value	from makar
is far	וְרָקָ	ve·ra·chok	7350	distant, far, a distance	from rachaq
above			4480	from	a prim. preposition
jewels.	מְפִינִים	mip·pe·ni·nim	6443	corals	from the same as pinnah

Homework

3. The Hebrew bible has the book of Ruth right after Proverbs 31. Ruth is the only women in the bible specifically described as *eshet chayil* (3:11) and she was single and childless. Study Ruth's character traits, accomplishments, values, habits, etc., to understand what made her an *eshet chayil*.

Homework

4. Some suggest that the woman in Proverbs 31 is a picture of the church. How do the character traits and activities associated with the wife compare to our calling as the bride of Christ? How do we measure up to the Proverbs 31 standard of a virtuous and capable wife?

Proverbs 31

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29 “There are many virtuous and capable women in the world, but you surpass them all!”

Sundown at every weekly Sabbath

The female lights the candles.

Then the male sings.

At the end of the week. It is the first thing said that marks the beginning of a day of rest.

Then the children are blessed with words taken from the priestly blessing (Numbers 6:24-26).

Power in spoken words

To whom are you speaking words of blessing?

Who have you affirmed this week?

Character, abilities, achievement, and the
falling forwards

From whom are you **withholding** your verbal blessing?

Why are you withholding it?

Control? Fear? Apathy? Jealousy? Contempt?
Anger?

**Are you willing to ask God what you need to
do next?**

Genesis 27:30-38

After Isaac finished blessing him, and Jacob had scarcely left his father's presence, his brother Esau came in from hunting. He too prepared some tasty food and brought it to his father.

Genesis 27:30-38

Then he said to him, “My father, please sit up and eat some of my game, so that you may give me your blessing.”

Genesis 27:30-38

His father Isaac asked him, “Who are you?”

“I am your son,” he answered, “your firstborn, Esau.”

Genesis 27:30-38

Isaac trembled violently and said, “Who was it, then, that hunted game and brought it to me? I ate it just before you came and I blessed him—and indeed he will be blessed!”

Genesis 27:30-38

When Esau heard his father's words, he burst out with a loud and bitter cry and said to his father, "Bless me—me too, my father!" ...

38 Esau said to his father, "Do you have only one blessing, my father? Bless me too, my father!" Then Esau wept aloud.

Who has withheld their spoken blessing from you?

Who are you longing to hear speak words of acceptance and affirmation to you?

The Word of God became flesh

So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness.

Ephesians 1

3-6 How blessed is God! [All praise to Him!]

And what a blessing he is!

He's the Father of our Master, Jesus Christ,
and takes us to the high places of blessing in
him.

Ephesians 1

Long before he laid down earth's foundations,
he had us in mind, had **settled on us as the
focus of his love,**
to be made whole and holy by his love.

Ephesians 1

Long, long ago he decided to **adopt us into his family through Jesus Christ.**

(What pleasure he took in planning this!)

He wanted us to enter into the celebration of his lavish gift-giving **by the hand of his beloved Son.**

Ephesians 1

7-10 Because of the sacrifice of the Messiah,
his blood poured out on the altar of the Cross,
we're a free people—free of penalties and
punishments chalked up by all our misdeeds.
And not just barely free, either.

Abundantly free!

Ephesians 1

He thought of everything, provided for everything we could possibly need, letting us in on the plans he took such delight in making.

Ephesians 1

He set it all out before us **in Christ**, a long-range plan in which everything would be brought together and summed up **in him**, everything in deepest heaven, everything on planet earth.

Ephesians 1:11

It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for.

Are you in Christ?

Our response? Praise Him!